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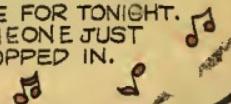
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BUT I'LL HAVE TO BREAK
OUR DATE FOR TONIGHT.
...SOMEONE JUST
DROPPED IN.



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WE GIVE YOU CASH
OR PREMIUMS!

THANKS FOR SAVING
ME FROM THOSE
BULLIES, DAVY! WANT
TO SEE MY

CAMP?

MAIL

ACT

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WHEN I MARRIED GEORGE WILDER I KNEW THERE WAS NOTHING HE COULDN'T DO! SO I KEPT ON BELIEVING, DEMANDING, EXPECTING! THEN CAME ...

The Crash!



FROM THE MOMENT I MARRIED GEORGE WILDER, I KNEW-- JUST KNEW, THAT IT WOULD BE A WONDERFUL MARRIAGE! OUR HONEYMOON IN THE TROPICS WAS JUST A SAMPLE OF THINGS TO COME...



OUR FIRST HOME WAS NOT LARGE, BUT IT WAS SORT OF A SMALL HEAVEN FILLED WITH DREAMS...

GEORGE DARLING, DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO HAVE A CAR?

I THINK I'LL INSIST ON IT! GIVE ME A LITTLE TIME!



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A WEEK LATER, GEORGE TOOK ME TO THE FRONT OF THE APARTMENT HOUSE...



WELL, IT SEEMED THAT GOOD NEWS JUST HEAPED ITSELF UPON ME! FOR IT WAS ABOUT SIX MONTHS SINCE WE HAD JOINED THE COUNTRY CLUB, WHEN GEORGE CAME HOME ONE EVENING AND ...



SO WE BOUGHT A HOUSE IN ONE OF THE NICEST PARTS OF TOWN AND BEGAN TO ENTER-TAIN...



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WHEN THE GUESTS HAD GONE
I IMPULSIVELY THREW MYSELF
INTO MY HUSBAND'S ARMS...

OH, GEORGE, YOU'RE THE
MOST WONDERFUL
HUSBAND A GIRL
COULD EVER
HAVE!

AND
THIS
IS ONLY
THE BEGIN-
NING, DEAR!



DO YOU SUPPOSE
WE COULD KEEP
ONE OF THE MAIDS
WHO CAME TO
HELP OUT AT
THE PARTY,
GEORGE?
AFTER ALL,
THERE'S A LOT
MORE WORK
TO BE DONE
IN THIS HOUSE
THAN THERE
WAS IN THE
APARTMENT!

WELL,
WHY
NOT?

YOU REMEMBER MY
SAYING I WANTED
TO GET MY OWN
BUSINESS, HON?
WELL, THE BANK
HAS COME THROUGH
WITH FINANCING!
I'M BUYING THE
IRON WORKS!

OH, GEORGE!
JUST IMAGINE,
YOUR OWN
BUSINESS!

IT WAS
SOME
SIX
MONTHS
LATER
THAT
GEORGE
GAVE
ME
THE
BEST
NEWS
OF
ALL...

IT'LL BE JUST WONDER-
FUL! NOW WE CAN
GET THE CADILLAC!
WE CAN,
CAN'T WE,
DARLING?

WHY NOT?
ONLY THE
BEST FOR
MY WIFE!

AND DO YOU KNOW YOU
HAVE LINES DEEPENING
IN YOUR FACE? YOU
DON'T RELAX
ENOUGH! DO
YOU KNOW
WHAT? I'M
GOING TO
SUBSCRIBE
TO A SEASON
BOX AT THE
OPERA!

WELL...
OKAY!
MIGHT BE
A GOOD
IDEA!



IT WAS A YEAR AND A
HALF LATER THAT I NO-
TICED THAT GEORGE HAD
CHANGED SOMEHOW! I
COULDN'T PUT MY FINGER
ON THE DIFFERENCE!
BUT ONE NIGHT...

DO YOU KNOW,
GEORGE, YOU
HAVEN'T SPOKEN
TO ME FOR
AN HOUR!

I
HAVENT?
FUNNY,
JUST
A
LITTLE
TIRED,
I GUESS!



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IT'S THE SURROUNDINGS,
GEORGE! I THINK THIS
NEIGHBORHOOD IS
RUNNING DOWN!
MAYBE WE COULD
BUILD ON THE HILL!

MAYBE
YOU'RE
RIGHT,
CONNIE!
MAYBE THAT'S
IT!

GEORGE ROSE AND STARTED TOWARD
HIS DESK...

I'LL MAKE A
NOTE TO SEE...
OWWWWW!

GEORGE
WHAT
IS IT?



JUST INDIGES...
UHHNNNN...

GEORGE!
GEORGE!

I
DON'T
REMEMBER
PHONING
FOR
THE
DOCTOR,
BUT I
SUDDEN-
LY
REA-
LIZED
HE
WAS
THERE
AND HE
WAS
SAY-
ING ...

A HEART SEIZURE,
MRS. WILDER!
HE WILL HAVE TO
BE HOSPITALIZED
AT ONCE!

BUT... BUT
HE WAS
ALWAYS
SO
HEALTHY--



I
SPENT
YEARS
OF
MY LIFE
DURING
THE
NEXT
FEW
HOURS
WAITING
WITH
GOD AND
MY
CONSCIENCE!
THEN
FINALLY,
THE
DOCTOR
APPEARED...

HE'LL PULL THROUGH,
ALL RIGHT! BUT HE
MUST HAVE
ABSOLUTE QUIET
FOR AT LEAST
SIX MONTHS!

I
DON'T
CARE
HOW
LONG, JUST
SO HE GETS
WELL AGAIN!

IT WAS DURING THE FOLLOWING WEEK
THAT STRANGE THINGS BEGAN TO
HAPPEN! THE CALL FROM THE
BANK, FOR EXAMPLE...



WE REGRET THAT WE MUST
CALL YOUR HUSBAND'S LIST!
BUT HIS CREDIT HAS BEEN
MUCH OVEREXTENDED,
MRS. WILDER--AND
BEING SICK AND
ALL ... WELL...

BUT
I
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND!



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I CANNOT DESCRIBE IN WORDS THE TERRORS OF THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED! FIRST THE HOUSE WENT BACK TO THE BANK, AND THEN THE CAR...

I TOOK A CHEAP ROOM!
THERE WAS NO MONEY!
THE TELEPHONE BECAME
A NIGHTMARE, FOR IT
WAS ALWAYS SOME
CREDITOR CALLING...

AND THE ONLY MAIL THAT
EVER CAME, WERE BILLS,
HUNDREDS OF THEM...

AND SUDDENLY I GREW
UP AND FACED THE TRUTH...

I DID THIS TO
GEORGE! I
DID IT!

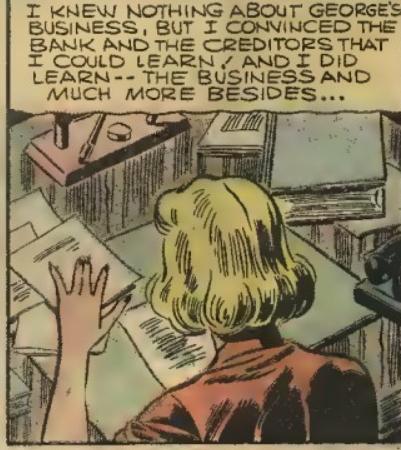


A NEW
ME
EMERGED
FROM
IT
ALL...
A
STRONGER
ME... A
FIGHTING
ME.
WHO
FACED
THE
BANK,
THE
CREDITORS...

YES, I SAID YOU
CAN'T THROW
GEORGE OUT OF
BUSINESS, I'LL
RUN IT UNTIL
HE IS ABLE!

WHY DID I
NOT MEET
YOU BEFORE
MR. WILDER'S
ILLNESS?
PERHAPS...
JUST PERHAPS
IT WOULD
NOT HAVE
HAPPENED!

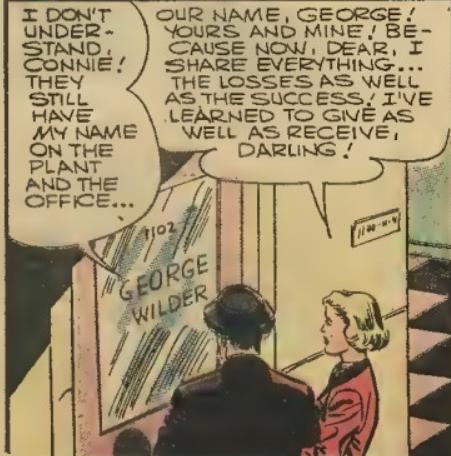
I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT GEORGE'S
BUSINESS, BUT I CONVINCED THE
BANK AND THE CREDITORS THAT
I COULD LEARN, AND I DID
LEARN -- THE BUSINESS AND
MUCH MORE BESESIDES...



THEN
THE
DAY
CAME
WHEN
GEORGE
HAD
RECOVERED
ENOUGH
TO
COME
HOME!
THAT
VERY
DAY I
TOOK
HIM TO
HIS
OFFICE...

I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND,
CONNIE!
THEY
STILL
HAVE
MY NAME
ON THE
PLANT
AND THE
OFFICE...

OUR NAME, GEORGE!
YOURS AND MINE! BE-
CAUSE NOW, DEAR, I
SHARE EVERYTHING...
THE LOSSES AS WELL
AS THE SUCCESS, I'VE
LEARNED TO GIVE AS
WELL AS RECEIVE,
DARLING!



GEORGE TOOK ME INTO HIS
ARMS AND HIS UPS TREMBLED,
YET NO MORE THAN DID MINE!
IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF A
NEW LIFE AND A NEW VIBRANT
BEAUTIFUL LOVE, SO MUCH
MORE THAN IT ONCE HAD BEEN!



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The Real Thing

OH, LARRY -- IF ONLY
I COULD STAY IN YOUR
ARMS FOREVER!
IF ONLY THIS WERE
THE REAL THING!

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BUT THEN THE CURTAIN FELL...



AND THE APPLAUSE, SWELLING INTO THUNDER, SHATTERED MY BITTER REVERIE..



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I WAS SMILING AS I TOOK MY BOWS--BUT DEEP INSIDE, MY HEART WAS BREAKING...

IT'S MY FAULT THAT LARRY'S EMBRACE WAS ONLY PLAY-ACTING--ALL MY FAULT!



SLICK PERFORMANCE, TONIGHT, MAYA! SO LONG -- SEE YOU AT TOMORROW'S MATINEE!



I WAS IN MY DRESSING ROOM NOW! THERE WAS A STAR ON THE DOOR, AND I SHOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY--BUT HOW CAN A GIRL BE HAPPY WHEN SHE KNOWS THAT SHE'S DOOMED HERSELF TO LONELINESS?



I COULD HAVE HAD THE REAL THING INSTEAD OF JUST TINSEL LOVE DREAMED UP BY PLAYWRIGHTS IN ONE HIT AFTER ANOTHER ...



... IF ONLY I'D LISTENED TO MY HEART WHEN I FIRST CAME TO NEW YORK? BUT I WAS SO YOUNG -- SO AFLAME WITH AMBITION ...



HEY--THE WEATHERMAN SAYS FAIR AND WARMER TODAY! HOW COME THOSE RAIN DROPS ON YOUR BEAUTIFUL FACE?



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I COULD PLAY THAT PART
A HUNDRED TIMES BETTER
THAN THAT SCARECROW
THE PRODUCER PICKED!



RELAX, HONEY! YOU HAVE A MILLION
JUICY ROLES AHEAD OF YOU! THIS IS
YOUR LUCKY DAY, AFTER ALL--BECAUSE
I WAS TURNED DOWN TOO--AND THAT
LEAVES ME FREE TO TEACH YOU
TO SMILE...



I
LET
HIM
TAKE
ME TO
LUNCH...
AND
BEFORE
I
KNEW
IT...
I
WAS
SMILING
AGAIN...

LARRY--
YOU'RE
SWEET!

SHH--DON'T TELL
A SOUL, BUT YOU
BRING OUT THE
SWEETNESS
IN ME!



AFTER THAT, LARRY WAS ALWAYS
AROUND TO SEE THAT THE SMILE
NEVER FADED...



AND THEN...

I WANT YOU TO
MARRY ME, MAYA!
WE'LL LICK THE
THEATRE TOGETHER!



MY
HEART
BEGGED
ME
TO
SAY
YES!
BUT
I
WAS
SO
YOUNG--
SO
AFLAME
WITH
AMBITION...

NO, LARRY! IT
WOULDN'T BE
RIGHT! TO GET
TO THE TOP,
I HAVE TO
WORK ALONE!
MARRIAGE
MIGHT SIDE-
TRACK ME!



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LARRY WAS PERSISTENT! HE KEPT ASKING -- AND FINALLY...



OKAY, MAYA -- IF THAT'S HOW YOU WANT IT! SO LONG, BE SEEING YOU UP IN LIGHTS SOME DAY!



IN THE YEARS THAT FOLLOWED, WE MET MANY TIMES! IT WAS ONLY NATURAL -- WE WERE BOTH SO ACTIVE IN THE THEATRE! BUT THEY WERE CASUAL MEETINGS, FILLED ONLY WITH SHOP-TALK...



AND SO WE BOTH CLIMBED THE LADDER TO SUCCESS -- AND THEN BY A STRANGE QUIRK OF FATE ...



THE PLAY WAS A HIT! NIGHT AFTER NIGHT I FOUND MYSELF IN THE ARMS OF THE MAN I'D BEEN SUCH A FOOL TO SEND AWAY! FOR NOW I KNEW ...

I LOVE YOU, LARRY -- BUT IT'S TOO LATE! FOR YOU, THIS IS ONLY PLAY-ACTING -- NOT THE REAL THING!



WAS IT ANY WONDER THAT NOW, ALONE IN THE DRESSING ROOM WITH THE STAR ON THE DOOR, I BEGAN TO CRY...?



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THIS WAS THE NEXT PERFORMANCE NOW THE LAST MINUTE OF THE PLAY -- AND LARRY WAS SWEEPING ME INTO HIS ARMS AGAIN...



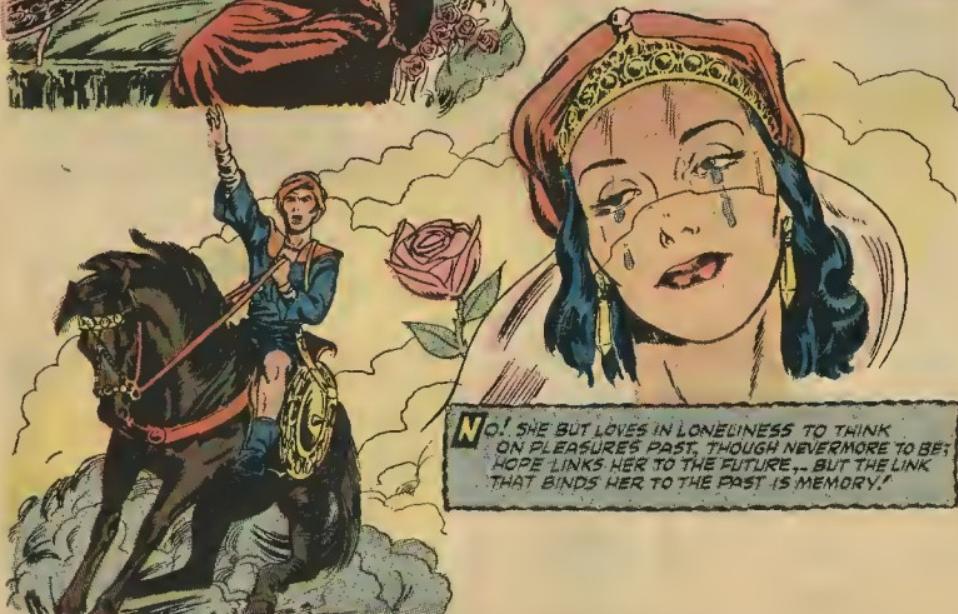
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MEMORY!

WHY SITS SHE THUS IN SOLITUDE? HER HEART
SEEMS MELTING IN HER EYES' DELICIOUS BLUE;
AND AS IT HEAVES, HER RIPE LIPS LIE APART,
AS IF TO LET ITS HEAVY THROBBINGS THROUGH.



JOYS OPENING BUDS, AFFECTIONS GLOWING FLOWERS,
ONCE LIGHTLY SPRANG WITHIN HER BEAMING TRAC;
O, LIFE WAS BEAUTIFUL IN THOSE LOST HOURS.
AND YET SHE DOES NOT WISH TO WANDER BACK!

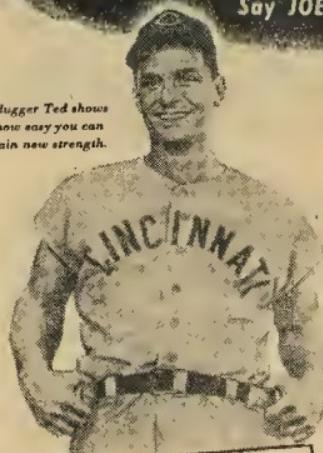


NO! SHE BUT LOVES IN LONELINESS TO THINK
ON PLEASURES PAST, THOUGH NEVERMORE TO BE;
HOPE LINKS HER TO THE FUTURE,-- BUT THE LINK
THAT BINDS HER TO THE PAST IS MEMORY!

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"Believe me, Miss Ahderson," said John Merton, "in the quarter of a century that I have been conducting this auto teaching school, I never had a complaint that couldn't be adjusted satisfactorily. If you don't like Mr. Perry then I will arrange to have another instructor for you. But then you will have to wait until next Tuesday. The entire schedule for the week is completed. You wouldn't want me to tell another person that the car isn't available because you come first?"

"Is that a question or a statement?" challenged Dona Anderson. "I should get a driving lesson now. Right now. I told you yesterday I will not go in a car with that Mr. Perry. He has absolutely no patience when you start to ask him questions. It is the duty of a teacher to listen and to explain. Otherwise what am I getting for my money?"

"Anything wrong, dad?" interrupted a friendly voice. John Merton shook his head in the affirmative. Dona Anderson turned around to observe a young man, tall and slim, who had somehow silently entered the store that served as headquarters for the auto teaching school.

"Maybe you can make a miracle for me, Frank," replied the elder Merton. "The young lady wants a lesson right now. She won't go in the car with Mr. Perry. What am I going to do?"

"I'll give her a lesson myself. Isn't it the duty of a good son to help his father out in a time of need. Let me see her schedule."

John Merton was about to say something. He opened his mouth and then closed it without a word passing his lips. He handed his son a

sheet. The young man gave it a quick glance.

"You are due for a lesson on a highway. Straight driving. That means you are capable of handling the wheel by yourself. We can use the big sedan. That's the car that doubles for service in the mountain resorts when spring comes. We'll go up Central Avenue until we hit route 22. Then you can take the wheel. By the way what is your name?"

"Dona Anderson," informed the impotent young lady who was glancing at the big electric clock above the counter. "And remember, my time starts when the car gets out of the city. Don't try to cheat me out of a half-hour driving time."

"How could you?" protested Frank Merton in mock seriousness. "The reputation of my father's school could not stand the slightest blemish. Just for that you will get an extra hour without any additional charge being made. As they say, it is on the house."

Frank Merton drove slowly along Central Avenue. He found it a bit difficult to keep his eyes on traffic and on the young lady at his side.

"If you aren't careful, we might have an accident," chided Dona Anderson. "Something seems to be distracting you while you drive. What is it?"

"You" was the one word reply. And for the moment it sufficed to keep the young lady from replying. At the point where Central Avenue meets route 22, Frank Merton pulled the car to the side of the road and stopped.

"You take the wheel now," he told her. "Just keep on driving until you want to take a break."

For the next hour and a half the young lady drove carefully along the highway. In the summertime it was a crowded highway. But now the trees were bare and winter was sending a sample chilly spell. The car stopped outside a diner.

"A cup of coffee and some hamburgers?" suggested Dona Anderson. "The treat is on me."

There were several booths in the diner and the two sat down. Soon they were drinking warm coffee.

"Where did you get the name of Dona?" asked Frank. "A touch of Spanish?"

"My father came from Sweden and my mother from Belgium. Dad wanted a boy and was ready with the name of Donald. When I came, mother suggested the name Dona. Maybe some day I'll go to Spain."

The counter girl handed Frank the check and over Dona Anderson's protests he paid for it. They drove for another half-hour.

"Soon you will have to turn back," reminded Frank. "You drive very well. The previous instructors must have done a good job. All I have had to do is sit at your side. And that wasn't a bit unpleasant."

When they came to Howland Junction, Frank signalled to Dona to stop.

"Look at that car wrapped around the telephone pole. There's a police car that just arrived. Let's see if we can be of any assistance."

The young man spoke to one of the police officers and soon they were forcing the door of the smashed car open. An unconscious man was taken from the driver's seat. Frank examined the man quickly.

"He'll be dead unless an emergency operation is performed at once. You have to get him to a hospital. The nearest one is at Bloomfield and that's forty miles away."

"So you are also a doctor," commented Dona Anderson.

"Yes," was the unexpected reply. "By the time an ambulance gets here it will be too late. We have to drive like the blazes. I could handle the wheel but my duty is to take care of this man."

"I'll get you there," was the suggestion made by the young lady. "I can drive racing cars. My father is Burt Anderson the famous speed driver. I was doing a series of articles on auto driving schools and seeing how efficient they are. You take care of your patient. Let the police car either go ahead or radio to other cars to clear the road for us and let us burn up the gas."

phone and contacted headquarters. The message went out to every police patrol car in the county. Then the race to the hospital began! Dr. Frank Merton sat in the back of the car with the unconscious man. And Dona seemed to burn up the road as the car almost flew along the highway. The police car did its best to stay ahead, but when Sergeant Macready pushed the patrol car to the limit, he commented to his buddy, Officer Joe Varino.

"Can you imagine that gal with a getaway car after a bank job? Brother, she could outpace anyone."

The car drove up to the hospital and they were ready, having been notified by radio of the situation. The unconscious man was examined and then rushed to the operating room. Dr. Frank Merton and Dona Anderson sat in the lounge side by side. They didn't speak a word but somehow their hands met and then clasped. Sergeant Macready paced up and down the long corridor. Protruding from his pocket could be seen the accident form he had filled out. Once when he reached the end of the corridor he turned and glanced for a moment at the two. Her head was now on the young man's shoulder. The door of the operating room opened and Dr. William J. Limer, the head surgeon came out. He spotted the officer and spoke to him.

"Another ten minutes and it would have been too late to operate. The patient will recover. This is something I will never forget. I must speak to Dr. Merton. His diagnosis was perfect. Wonder if he would care to join our staff. And that young lady certainly deserves a lot of thanks. This was a time when speed driving was essential. I want to meet her."

Dr. Limer and the officer walked to the other end of the corridor which connected to the waiting room where the two young people were seated. Sergeant Macready stopped.

"Look there, doc! They're kissing each other!"

"That's the natural thing to do when two people are in love," explained Dr. Limer.

"But she ain't a nurse," objected the police officer. "In the movies the doc falls in love with a pretty nurse. She's pretty but not a nurse."

"So when he opens his own hospital then he will have the best female ambulance driver in the country," snapped back Dr. Limer. "Come into my office and we'll finish that accident report you must make."

Sergeant Bill Macready got on the radio

The End

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Love Can Hurt You



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THEN LET ME PROVE I LOVE YOU, DEAR!
PLEASE DON'T STOP LETTING
ME SEE YOU!

OF COURSE
NOT! I THINK
YOU'RE FUN
TO GO OUT
WITH,
REALLY!



AND SO WE ATTENDED DANCES...



...AND
SHOWS...



AND THEN ONCE MORE...

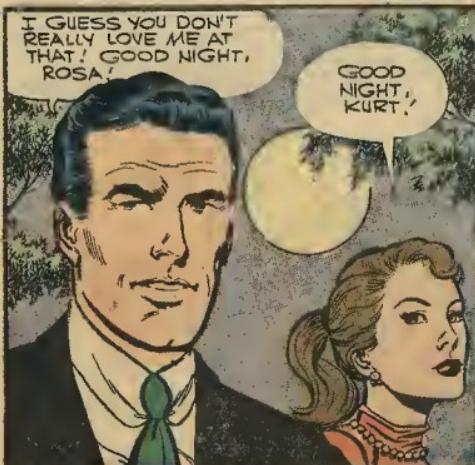
ROSA, WON'T YOU ACCEPT
MY RING? WON'T YOU
TRY TO LOVE ME?

I'M SORRY,
KURT!



I GUESS YOU DON'T
REALLY LOVE ME AT
THAT! GOOD NIGHT,
ROSA!

GOOD
NIGHT,
KURT.



AND SO KURT THORN
WALKED OUT OF MY
LIFE...

AND THIS TIME I
HAVEN'T BEEN
HURT AT ALL!



ROMANTIC SECRETS

BUT THAT NIGHT I DID NOT SLEEP WELL...

OH, WHY DO I STILL KEEP
THINKING OF KURT? HE'S
GONE! HE'S OUT OF
MY LIFE FOREVER!



AND WHY DID THOSE TORMENTING MEMO-
RIES STILL RETURN TO ME...



AND WHEN
HE
DID
NOT
RETURN
AGAIN
I
WANTED
TO BE
FREE OF
HIM, BUT
I COULD
NOT! AND
ONE DAY,
AS I
WALKED
IN THE
PARK IT
WAS AS
IF HE
WERE
BESIDE
ME...



AND THAT DAY I WALKED TO THE BOWER
WHERE WE SO OFTEN USED TO MEET...

KURT!
ROSA! I CAME HERE
BECAUSE IT REMINDS ME
OF YOU -- I CANNOT
FORGET YOU!



OH, KURT!
THEN YOU
REALLY
DO LOVE
ME!

ROSA, DARLING!
YOU MEAN...



THERE WERE NO OTHER WORDS NECESSARY
AND NONE WERE SPOKEN! WHEN KURT
KISSED ME I KNEW HIS LOVE WOULD
NEVER FADE!



END

ROMANTIC SECRETS

IT WAS NOT LOVE

CHARLEY, I DON'T CARE IF RAY FARNHAM IS AN OLD FRIEND ! I SIMPLY CAN'T DO AS YOU ASK ! I CAME TO THIS BALL WITH YOU !

HUSH, WILL YOU ? LISTEN, HONEY, BE REASONABLE !

SCAI



MAYBE I COULD HELP CHARLEY...



RAY FARNHAM WAS A CASUAL ACQUAINTANCE, WHOM I'D MET SOCIALLY, BUT I WONDERED HOW I'D APPROACH HIM WITHOUT BEING TOO AGGRESSIVE ...



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OF COURSE, CHARLEY HAD BEEN WATCHING,
SO WHEN I RETURNED TO HIM...

YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU GOT COLD FEET AFTER SUCH A SWELL APPROACH?

I TELL YOU IT WASN'T AN APPROACH, I REALLY TRIPPED! AND I WON'T GO FISHING FOR YOU!



YOU DON'T LOVE ME, CHARLEY BOWMAN! YOU WANT ME ONLY FOR DECORATION! ONLY FOR THE CONTACTS MY SOCIAL STANDING CAN GIVE YOU!

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT? YOU'RE MY GIRL!!!



LET'S GO!
IT'S LATE!

WAIT FOR ME,
CHARLEY! I'LL BE
RIGHT THERE!!!



I STARTED AFTER CHARLEY, WHEN ...

OH, RAY! I SEEM TO BE RUNNING INTO YOU WHEREVER I GO! I'M SORRY!

I COULDN'T HELP OVERHEARING YOU, WANDA! PLEASE LET ME TAKE YOU HOME!



I RE-TURNED CHARLEY BOWMAN'S RING! HE TRIED MANY TIMES TO PHONE ME AFTER THAT BUT I WAS NEVER AVAILABLE! THERE WAS A REASON-- IN FACT, HE'S AT THE DOOR NOW...

HELLO,
DARLING!

OH,
RAY!



YOU SEE, RAY FARNHAM COMES TO CALL ON ME EVERY DAY NOW! BUT IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CHARLEY BOWMAN AND HIS CONTACTS! RAY AND I ARE VERY MUCH IN LOVE! WE ARE GOING TO BE MARRIED SOON!

END

ROMANTIC SECRETS

Wedding Day

WHAT DOES A GIRL THINK ABOUT ON HER WEDDING DAY? WHAT ARE THE THOUGHTS THAT RACE THROUGH HER TREMBLING MIND...?



THIS IS MY ROOM! I'VE LIVED HERE ALL MY LIFE! IT'S WATCHED ME ALL THROUGH THE YEARS! THIS IS THE TEDDY BEAR I SLEPT WITH WHEN I WAS A BABY!



THE CLOSETS ARE BARE NOW! THE BUREAU DRAWERS ARE EMPTY! EVERYTHING'S PACKED! I'M TAKING EVERYTHING AWAY THAT BELONGS IN THIS ROOM!

LISE, DEAR--
ARE
YOU
READY?



ROMANTIC SECRETS

M-MY MOTHER... I'M LEAVING HER TOO! SHE WON'T BE WAITING UP FOR ME NIGHTS ANY MORE! SHE WON'T BE AT MY BEDSIDE WHEN I'M SICK!

LISE, YOU LOOK TIRED! YOU'VE BEEN UNDER SUCH A STRAIN, DEAR!

IT'LL ALL BE OVER SOON! IN LESS THAN AN HOUR NOW WE'LL BE HEARING "HERE COMES THE BRIDE!"

DAD!



HOW CAN YOU
SMILE, DAD?
DOESN'T IT HURT
YOU THAT I'M
LEAVING?
THIS ISN'T
SOMEBODY
ELSE'S WED-
DING DAY--
IT'S YOUR
OWN DAUGHTER'S,
YOU'RE
LOSING
ME!

WOWIE...
DO YOU
LOOK GROWN
UP!

FREDDY... MY LITTLE
BROTHER! YOU
WON'T TELL ME
YOUR SECRETS
ANY MORE!
I'LL BE A
MARRIED WO-
MAN... ONE
OF THE
BIG PEOPLE!



LET'S GO, LISE! YOU
DON'T WANT TO KEEP
BILL WAITING AT THE
CHURCH NOW--
DO YOU?

WHY ARE YOU
RUSHING ME
SO? WHY
IS EVERYONE
RUSHING ME?



IT'S TIME
NOW, LISE!
THE ORGAN'S
STARTED...

HERE'S MY ARM,
HON! THIS'LL BE THE
LAST TIME-- SO
HOLD IT TIGHT!



ROMANTIC SECRETS

DAD'S TREMBLING TOO!
AND MOTHER WAS SO
PALE -- THEY'VE BEEN
HIDING THEIR FEELINGS--
BUT WHY?



IF THEY'RE FRIGHTENED
TOO -- WHY ARE THEY
LETTING ME GO
THROUGH WITH
IT... WHY?



THIS MUST BE A BAD
DREAM -- THAT'S ALL
IT IS! I'LL WAKE
UP SOON. AND...



BILL!



OH, BILL, I WAS SO FRIGHTENED!
SO WRAPPED UP
IN ALL THAT I WAS LEAVING,
THAT I FORGOT WHAT
I WAS COMING TO!
I LOVE YOU, BILL!
AND, YES, GOODBYE
TO MY FAMILY WAS
SAD...



... BUT HELLO TO
MY HUSBAND IS
JOYOUS!
WONDERFULLY
JOYOUS! OH,
MY DARLING
BILL!



END

ROMANTIC SECRETS

FOR THREE YEARS OF HER MARRIAGE MARY HAD CARRIED THE MEMORY OF THAT LAST NIGHT AT THE FARM, THE NIGHT THAT HAD SHATTERED HER BRIDE'S DREAMS! NOW FRANK WAS TAKING HER BACK FOR A ...

Second Honeymoon



I WAS REMEMBERING APPREHENSIVELY, PERHAPS BITTERLY, A TIME ONLY THREE YEARS AGO, WHEN FRANK AND I HAD JUST STARTED OUR HONEY-MOON, ARRIVING AT THE CRAIG FARM-HOUSE...



ROMANTIC SECRETS



SUPPER WAS WAITING FOR US AND I COULD FEEL THE WARM FRIENDLINESS OF THE PLACE STEALING OVER ME! I KNEW WHY FRANK HAD SPOKEN IN GLOWING TERMS OF HIS HOME COUNTRY SIDE, ESPECIALLY OF THE CRAIGS WHO HAD BEEN HIS NEIGHBORS...



AFTER SUPPER WE WENT TO THE PARLOR WHERE A WARM FIRE BURNED BRILLIANTLY. JEAN PLAYED SIMPLE OLD HYMNS AND FAVORITE TUNES ON A SMALL ORGAN...

I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER FELT SO HAPPY... AND PEACEFUL!



AND THEN...

OH, FRANK, WHAT A QUAINTE, BEAUTIFUL BEDROOM!

IT'S REAL OLD AMERICAN, HONEY! NOTHING HERE I GUSS THAT'S NOT A HUNDRED YEARS OLD! THE PLACE WILL GROW ON YOU, YOU'LL SEE!



ROMANTIC SECRETS

I WAS SO VERY HAPPY !
TO BE MARRIED TO FRANK
AND LIVE IN SUCH A LOVELY
OLD PLACE FOR TWO WHOLE
WEEKS...



OF COURSE FRANK WAS AN
EXPERT ON SKIIS THAT'S
WHY I HAD TAKEN LESSONS
BEFORE OUR MARRIAGE !
BUT I WAS AN INFANT ON
THEM COMPARED TO FRANK
AND JEAN...

REMEMBER HOW
WE USED TO DO
THIS HILL IN NO-
THING FLAT,
FRANK ?

GUESS I'M
LIKE AN
EXTRA
ARM
HERE!

I'LL
NEVER
FOR-
GET
IT!

FRANK WAS LIKE A TEEN-
AGER ! HE SEEMED TO FOR-
GET EVERYTHING BUT THE
THRILL OF BEING ON SKIS
AGAIN ... AND JEAN WAS
LIKE HIS SHADOW ...

COMING,
JEAN ?
I'LL BEAT YOU
DOWN THE
HILL !



I WATCHED THEM, MARVeling
AT THEIR SKILL AND GRACE ...



MY
LESSONS
HAD
NOT
INCLUDED
MOUNTAIN
SKIING !
I
STARTED
DOWN.
SUDDENLY
LEARNING
I HAD
NO
BUSINESS
THERE ...



BUT I COULDN'T STOP, AND I COULD NOT CONTROL
MY SKIIS ...

OH, HELP!
HELP !



ROMANTIC SECRETS

OF COURSE BOTH FRANK AND JEAN--ESPECIALLY FRANK, BLAMED THEMSELVES FOR MY DIFFICULTY! AND IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS, THEY DID ALL POSSIBLE TO MAKE UP FOR THEIR FORGETFULNESS...



AND ALL TOO SOON CAME OUR LAST NIGHT AT THE FARM. WE WERE BEFORE THE HUGE FIRE, FEELING THAT SORROW OF THE END OF A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE...



FRANK, OF COURSE, OFFERED TO TAKE THE BAG FOR ME--BUT IT WAS SUCH A SHORT TRIP TO THE GARAGE, I INSISTED ON GOING ALONE...



I WALKED GAIPLY BACK TOWARD THE DOOR, WHEN SUDDENLY I STOPPED SHORT, UNWILLING TO BELIEVE MY EYES...



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ROMANTIC SECRETS

PERHAPS IT
WAS PRIDE...
PERHAPS
FEAR.
THAT
CAUSED ME
NOT EVER
TO MENTION
THE INCIDENT
IN THE
THREE
POLLONING
YEARS. MY
HUSBAND
WAS KIND,
DEVOTED
AND
SUCCESS-
FUL! THEN,
LESS THAN
A WEEK
AGO...

DARLING, I THINK WE'LL HAVE
ANOTHER HONEYMOON!
HOW ABOUT TAKING
A TRIP TO VISIT
THE CRAIGS?

OH...

I COULD NOT REFUSE WITHOUT TELLING
WHY... AND WHAT I HAD HELD INSIDE
ME FOR THREE YEARS I COULD NOT
BRING MYSELF TO SPEAK OF. BUT
NOW, AS WE ARRIVED, I INWARDLY
CALLED MYSELF A FOOL...

AND THEN, SEEING THEM WAITING, SEEING
THE JOY IN JEAN CRAIG'S FACE, MY
HEART FROZE ...

GREETINGS,
FRANK AND
MARY!

THEN I STARTED FOR THE HOUSE, AND...

THE... THE SHADOW OF FRANK... AND
J... BUT IT CAN'T BE; JEAN AND
FRANK ARE OUT HERE!

AND THEN
I SAW
IT
ALL...
AND
A
GREAT
FEELING
OF
BOTH
RELIEF
AND
SHAME
SWEPT
OVER
ME...

WHAT I REALLY SAW
WAS THE SHADOW OF
THAT STATUE, CAST
BY THE FIRE AND
THROWN AGAINST
THE SHADE!

FRANK PUT HIS ARM ABOUT ME AND I
SMILED AS HE SAID...

HEY, THIS IS NO TIME
FOR TEARS!

THEY ARE
TEARS OF
HAPPINESS,
DARLING!
BECAUSE I
KNOW THIS
HONEYMOON
WILL BE
EVEN HAPPIER
THAN THE
FIRST!

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